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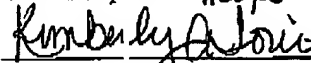
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action March 23, 2005, please amend the application as
follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2
of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.